

REAL WINS IN MOSCOW

The Central Army Club basketball team has had an unsuccessful start in the semifinals tournament for the European Winners Cup. They met Madrid Real in Moscow and lost 90-93.

In the middle of the second period the Muscovites still led by 11 points. In this game they combined successful attacks and fine combinations with crude mistakes. Young Central Army Club players Gusev and Kuzmin (the latter scored 23 points) acquitted themselves splendidly, while one of the club's leaders, Myshkin, was below par.

The well-knit duo of Real-Yugoslav players Delibasic and Dalipagic were the biggest headache to the hosts. The latter was the top Real scorer with 18 points.

On December 16 the Central Army Club will meet Olimpia in Milan.



Central Army Club and Madrid Real battling it out.
Photo by Sergei Prosvak

EUROPE WINS THROUGH

Europe won a tennis match versus America, 7-5, in Barcelona. In the closing encounter of the doubles Ivar Lendl of



Hockey players on the eve of ice battles

December is a month of big hockey. The world's strongest teams will be taking part in various international tournaments, which are viewed by coaches as being a major stage in their preparations for the world and European championships, to be held in April-May in West Germany.

The world champions, the USSR, open their international calendar with games against Sweden on December 12 and 13 in Gävle and Stockholm for the "Rude pravo" newspaper prize.

Later Moscow will host one of the most prestigious tournaments of world hockey — the "Izvestia" Prize (December 16-21). The prizes offered by the tournament will be contested by the USSR, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Finland, and West Germany. Fans will be particularly interested in two unusual tournaments: games on December 18 and 20. On these dates teams made up of famous Soviet and Canadian players of the past decade will be vying with each other.

After the "Izvestia" Prize a USSR national team will act out to play a new series of six games with leading NHL clubs. The games will be held at Canadian and American skating rinks in late December-early January.

In the other UEFA return games only two teams playing at home failed to make it into the next round of the competition — Yugoslavia-Sarajevo, (despite their victory over Belgium's Antwerp 1-0, for the Belgians won the first game, 6-1) and West German Werder, who drew with Scotland's Dundee United, 1-1 (the first game ended in a win by Scotland 2-1).

In the UEFA Cup quarterfinals Kaiserslautern, of West Germany, beat Spanish Sevilla 4-0 (the result of two games: 4-1); Romania's Universitatea beat French Bordeaux 2-0 in extra time (the result of two games is 2-1); Italy's Roma beat West German Cologne 2-0 (the result of two games 2-1); Portugal's Benfica beat Zurich 4-0 (the result: 5-1); and Bohemians (Prague) were stronger than Switzerland's Servette, 2-1 (the result is 4-3). Vladimir McMILLIN

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IMPORTANT UN DOCUMENTS

New York. The UN General Assembly has adopted a resolution at its plenary meeting which it reiterated the necessity of a speediest conclusion of a world treaty on non-use of force in international relations.

The draft of this most important document was sponsored by the Soviet Union as back as 1976. According to its terms, states undertake to refrain from using force with any kind of weapons. The draft was supported by the overwhelming majority of states.

During the voting the USA rejected once again the offer to conclude such a treaty. The resolution was carried by 119 votes against 45. The ones who cast the negative vote were the USA, its 12 NATO allies, Israel and Japan.

An overwhelming majority of

the Assembly members voted also for a resolution on the implementation of the declaration on strengthening international security adopted in 1970 at the initiative of the Soviet Union. The resolution voices deep preoccupation with continuing growth of tension in the world and appeals to all states to give effective assistance to the implementation of the terms of the declaration of the non-aligned movement.

The UN General Assembly favoured also a speediest elaboration of the code of crimes against peace and security of humanity. The adopted resolution says that the code will contribute towards stronger international peace and security and consequently to the realization of the UN Charter purposes and principles.



What missiles? These aren't any missiles. These only close the vulnerability gap.

Drawing by Yuri Ilyinov

A. BENN: the government misleads us

London. Speaking in the extraordinary parliamentary debate on defence policy Labour MP's demanded that the Thatcher government should give up the idea of deploying British Cruise missiles, cancel the remaining plans for the British submarine fleet with the US nuclear missile system Trident-2 and close all the nuclear bases now existing in the country's territory.

A. Benn, member of the Labour executive, was sharply critical of the Tory policy. The Soviet Union which was our ally in the war against the Nazis and which lost 20 million lives in it, has no intention whatever of attacking Western Europe. The government is misleading us claiming

the USSR has some military supremacy over the USA.

Answering the demands of the opposition to explain certain aspects of the government's defence and foreign policy, the Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs P. Pym had to admit that in case of deploying America's Cruise missiles in Britain the right to push the button will stay with the US military personnel who can do it without any consultation with their British allies.

Prime Minister Thatcher officially confirmed earlier that the British government had agreed to the stationing of the so-called reserve headquarters of the US armed forces in Europe in High Wycombe in the Buckinghamshire.

Decision by Polish government

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cooperation with the United States Information Agency (USAIA) and with all the other American government agencies engaged in anti-Polish activities; and to introduce a special procedure for considering any invitation within the framework of scientific and cultural exchange which is to continue.

The Polish government has also taken a decision to stop issuing visas to any representative of the US armed forces in Europe in High Wycombe in the Buckinghamshire.

VIEWPOINT

Yuri KURITSYN

WHAT WASHINGTON IS VOTING AGAINST

At the current 37th session of the UN General Assembly the USA has challenged the world community on more issues than ever before.

Washington has objected to the resolutions passed by a clear majority of nations. "On an immediate cessation and prohibition of nuclear weapons tests"; "Prohibition of chemical and bacteriological weapons" and the resolutions banning the production and deployment of biery chemical weapons as the most inhuman.

It opposed proposals jointly launched by the socialist and non-aligned nations on preventing the arms race in space and refused to put its signature to practically all documents confirming UN allegiance to nuclear disarmament ideas and non-deployment of nuclear weapons to non-nuclear countries. Washington has ignored, too, India's appeal to the nuclear powers to jointly agree to stop developing, testing and deploying new types of nuclear weapons.

The US also declines the General Assembly resolutions on practical disarmament moves to help the socio-economic advancement of emergent nations, specifically the resolution "Human rights and scientific and technological progress", whose draft was also submitted by socialist and non-aligned nations.

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The USA was alone to veto against the UN appeal to protect women in developing nations from their exploitation by transnational corporations.

We will never sign the International Convention on the Law of the Sea and will protect our access to strategic materials on the

seas, the American US representative said on the day winding up a nine-year joint effort by over 150 nations aiming to make the world oceans and its mineral resources accessible to the broadest international cooperation.

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As before, the USA has invariably opposed any condemnation of the Israeli crimes in the Middle East and those of South Africa in the south of the African continent. The USA has coldshouldered all the resolutions on issues like a fair and comprehensive settlement in the Middle East, assistance to the Palestinian people, the right of the Palestinians and other Arab nations — victims of Israeli aggression — compensation for the plundering of their natural riches, reduced by all nations to a minimum, in any form adopted by Washington, which would like to have them adopted by the entire world.

The new US claims and its opposition to efforts by the peace-loving mankind to jointly solve the most acute problems of today show up the real merit of the American "moral values" now being made so much fuss by Washington, which would like to have them adopted by the entire world.

Where USA is dragging Japan

Tokyo. The US Secretary of Defense C. Weinberger demanded from Japan a test ban of the armed forces, a strengthening of combat operations in the Pacific within 1,000 miles of the Japanese coast. The USA, stressed the Pentagon chief in his interview, willfully in world economic relations and the exchange of ideas and information;

to raise all manner of barriers to settlement of crises, use them to advance its great-power goals and hinder the completion of the decolonialization process and consolidation of the independence of the young nations;

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Call for greater non-aligned unity

New York. The need for the non-aligned movement to consolidate its ranks and to bring into sharper focus its anti-imperialist and anti-colonial efforts was pointed out by the delegates who attended a meeting of the non-aligned coordination bureau at the UN Headquarters.

The meeting was addressed by India's permanent representative to the United Nations N. Krishnan who reported on the course of the preparations for the 7th non-aligned summit which is to take place in March 1983 in Delhi. N. Krishnan stressed that the aggravation of international situation poses a task of further intensification of their activities and stepping up of their fight for peace by members of the non-aligned movement.

THE WORLD

The Mediterranean to be a zone of peace

Algiers. A draft declaration which is to proclaim the Mediterranean, its seabed and the air space above a zone of peace is to be tabled at the UN General Assembly. It has been devised by the International Conference of Lawyers whose subject was "The Mediterranean as a Zone of Peace". The conference recently ended here was sponsored by the International Association of Democratic Lawyers and attended by representatives from 47 countries. The delegates have expressed grave concern over the mounting tensions in the Mediterranean. They have come out with an appeal to all the progressive forces and peoples in the region to do all they can to convert it into a zone of peace and equitable and mutually beneficial cooperation, free from nuclear weapons.

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FACTS and EVENTS

The Surinamese armed forces have foiled a reactionary coup to topple the ruling National Military Council and thus to prevent changes benefiting the masses. According to council Chairman Lieutenant-Colonel O. Bouterse, a bandit of representatives of the prepared class took part in the coup.

Farmer Samizdat groups in Honduras have committed another unforgivable crime, downing a transport helicopter carrying 120,000 Nicaraguan peasants. A total of 75 children, who were being evacuated to escape continuing provocation from counterrevolutionaries, were killed.

The subversive radio stations Radio Libre America (RLA) and Radio Free Europe (RFE) will play a highly active part in President Reagan's "anti-communist crusade". This was stated by the new RLA director, former Senator James Buckley, of a massive with the press.

The increase in the West German military expenses was carried out under pressure from the Pentagon. It is accompanied by further curtailment of allocations for social needs, particularly for the solution of the problem of mass unemployment which the official statistics put at more than two million people.

America's conduct at the 1982 UN forums is revealing of what US foreign policy will be like in the nearest future. More specifically, it will be to:

— accelerate the arms race and development of new types of mass destruction weapons, including neutron, chemical, biological and other systems condemned by the world community;

— raise all manner of barriers to settlement of crises, use them to advance its great-power goals and hinder the completion of the decolonialization process and consolidation of the independence of the young nations;

— act willfully in world economic relations and the exchange of ideas and information;

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FROM the SOVIET PRESS

AFGHANISTAN AND THE WEST

It is possible that NATO has finally realized that Western policy towards Afghanistan has an initial. Could it be that the West has become realistic and decided in real earnest to settle the Afghan problem, quotes a PRAVDA editorial commenting on the Afghan issue being studied at the recent NATO council session.

The focus indicates that quite reverse is the case. The Afghan issue was raised only to crudely justify the reality in this region, to slander the Soviet Union and Afghanistan, and to justify itself in interference by the US and some of its allies in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

Hoving cited specific facts and examples of this subversion to give the lie to the hypocrisy of the NATO quartet, to clearly stress that Afghanistan is keeping wide open the door to a political settlement, which could be achieved through a real end to outside intervention and agreement between Afghanistan and its neighbours. The basis of such a settlement is the well-known Afghan proposals of May 1980 and August 1981, which won broad international public support. Part of such a settlement, the paper continues, could be discussion of a withdrawal of the Soviet military contingent temporarily stationed in Afghanistan.

ON TRUST-BUILDING MEASURES

P. Konstantinov addresses in Krasnaya Zvezda the significance of the Soviet Union's declared readiness to extend trust-building measures to the entire European part of its territory, writing about the Madrid Conference.

Naturally enough, the Soviet readiness convinces that other nations, primarily the NATO countries, would also be prepared to have trust-building measures include activities, including independent, of naval and air forces in the sea (ocean) and air space adjacent to Europe.

This in, as clear from the Western press, some of its allies are not prepared to do this, the paper points out. They are using all manner of pretexts to cover up this position, seeking to ensure themselves unilateral military advantages, to stay free to make various troop movements, independent operations of their navies and air forces, and carry on the notorious "gun-ship policy" — all this rather than the idea that the expansion of trust-building measures to include military operations in the sea (ocean) and air space adjacent to Europe will bring the freedom of sea navigation. On the contrary, this will promote the freedom and security of navigation on the seas and oceans, the paper points out.

HUNGER AND WEAPONS

The consequences of the expansion by the American and other Western military industrial complexes in the developing countries make the subject for an article which A. Bilyayev has contributed to EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA. The huge military expenditure they impose on the developing countries put an added additional burden on these nations. The wasting of their limited resources on armaments in many cases exacerbates the already acute social and economic problems, and hampers the rate of industrial growth, by restricting from the purpose of material production considerable amounts of money in the developing countries. If the sums which are spent for present military purposes, including the purchases of American weapons could be directed into the civil sphere of the economy, many problems of socio-economic growth in the developing countries could have been solved much earlier. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) the overall expenditure on armaments in the developing countries in the 1980s have reached 135 thousand million dollars.

TEL AVIV AS AMERICAN HENCHMAN

Trying to stir the liberation movements in Latin America, Washington is increasingly resorting to the services of its puppet, Israel, by taking advantage of its "experience" gained in the Middle East and in the south of Africa, writes G. Petrov in SOVETSAYA ROSSIYA. Evidence of this has been provided by a military agreement between Israel and Honduras concluded in the capital of that country which acts as a policeman in Central America. The document has been signed by the Israeli Minister of Defence Sharon who has been on an official visit to Tegucigalpa. Remarkably, the emissary from Tel Aviv went to the Honduran capital following a visit there by President Reagan who discussed plans to step up a campaign against patriots with the leaders of the murderous regimes in El Salvador and Guatemala. Representatives of the patriotic forces in El Salvador and Guatemala have on many occasions vigorously denounced and exposed the growing interference by Israel into the domestic affairs of the countries in the region. In Guatemala, there is a special camp in which Israeli "experts" in torture techniques are instructing the local and Honduran henchmen.

OF INTEREST

The elder of Bansko

New information about the legend of the Roman city of Herculaneum was reported at a press conference held in the National Geographic Society in Washington.

It was earlier considered that when Mt. Vesuvius erupted in the year 79 A.D. most of the

inhabitants of the town were either burned or suffocated to death in the conflagration.

The archaeologists have discovered 80 skeletons of which 35 are in a good state of preservation. This find gives us a better idea about the ancient Roman physique. The average height of a man at that time was 169 cm and a woman — 153 cm. They were sturdy of build and obviously enjoyed good health. Their teeth were certainly better than ours, which specialists attribute to the fact that they had a diet rich in vegetables and fruit.

At present people sail to wooden, iron, plastic and even papier-mache boats. Staff members of a hospital in the town of Los Gatos have decided to build a ship out of empty milk cartons. This took them one month and required a thousand packets.

Photo: AP-TASS

Just before steppes all around. Copper and molybdenum pits were opened later and a town rose nearby in which 40 thousand people live now. To remember the first builders, the pioneer bulldozer was put up on a pedestal. The volume can be adjusted and the last varies from "Hey, dear, wake up" to "Wake up, you fool!"

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Round the Soviet Union

LONGER LIFE IS ASSURED FOR ROADS PAYED BY MATERIALS PREPARED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL WASTE OF MINERAL PROCESSING ENTERPRISES. The technology has been suggested by the Forest Academy in Leningrad. It will reduce consumption of crushed stone, cement and concrete.

TWENTY SCHOOLCHILDREN IN THE KIRGHIZ CAPITAL OF FRUNZE HAVE BECOME MEMBERS OF THE SMALL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WHICH HAS BEEN OPENED HERE ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE YOUNG SCIENTISTS OF THE REPUBLIC. The young academicians were chosen from among the most active researchers in the schoolchildren's scientific circles and societies functioning at the Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Kirghiz SSR.

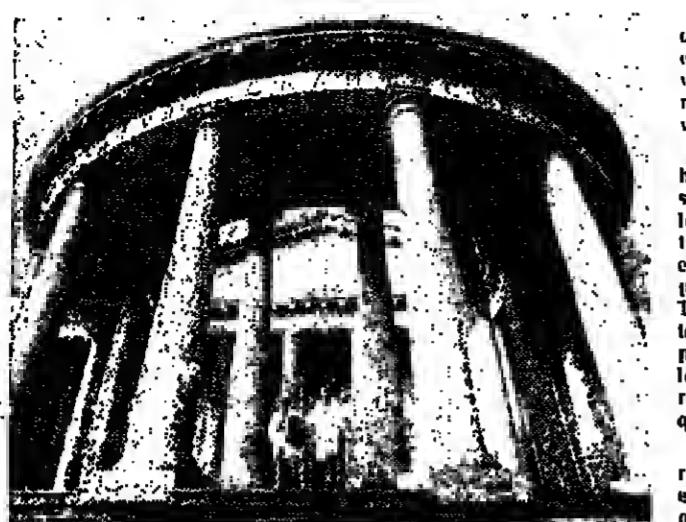
THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS NUMBERING 350 VARIETIES HAS STARTED TO BLOSSOM IN THE INDOOR BOTANICAL GARDENS IN THE Moldavian capital of Kishinev.

CHERKASY WILL SOON SEE THE OPENING OF A NEW BUILDING OF THE LOCAL LORE MUSEUM. Its 28 rooms will house exhibits related to history and nature, art gallery, and will also display shows by professional and amateur artists of the region.

ARTIFICIAL BREEDING OF VARIOUS SPECIES OF FRESHWATER AND SEA FISH HAS STARTED AT THE OCHAKOV EXPERIMENTAL FISHERY, NIKOLAEV REGION. The first fish with American salmon have been hatched.

A FRIENDSHIP SMELTING HAS BEEN MADE AT THE SECOND CONVERTER OF THE CHIREPOVETS STEEL MILL IN THE VOLGOGRAD REGION OF THE Russian Federation, with the participation of steelmaking from the GDR, Vietnam, Hungary, Cuba, Bulgaria, Romania, the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia. The smelting was made 24 minutes quicker than usual and the quality of the metal was excellent.

Ambulance hurries to save your life



A team is hurrying off to call.



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When it is a matter of life or death to a patient, time means everything. The sound of a wailing siren will an ambulance rushing along city streets always causes alarm.

An ambulance can be called by dialing "0-3", which is the same number wherever you go in this country. In Moscow, all the emergency calls go to one centre where several dozen people are on duty round the clock. There are nearly seven hundred teams manned by most experienced doctors. They are located so that each team can reach any emergency case as quickly as possible.

The ambulance service is ready to give any type of emergency medical aid. Nearly every youth brigade is specialized.

Many of the calls are from people suffering from cardiovascular disorders. Therefore, it is only natural that most of the teams in the Moscow emergency service specialize in these ailments, while others usually deal with nerve diseases and injuries.

The ambulance drivers have saved many lives in seemingly hopeless cases. On the way to hospital, the doctors very often bring the patient back to life having given to them a transfusion (the experimental Ushenina estate) the last drops of the complex hydrotechnical structure spread over an area of more than a thousand hectares.

The first ambulance station in Moscow was set up in 1923. It was situated in the former palace of Count Sheremetev, which now houses the Moscow Institute of Emergency Medicine.

Photos by V. Chernov

FLOATING DRILLING PLATFORMS IN THE CASPIAN

The name of the 26th CPSU Congress has been conferred on the floating drilling rig which has arrived at the Bay of Baku in Azerbaijan.

Built by the Astrakhan Ship-Building Association, it will drill the first exploration well in the Caspian.

Caspian with a shaft six thousand metres long. The greatest depth where the new installation can operate is 70 metres.

The rig has been designed to drill, from one point, three wells—one vertical and two slanting.

In the next few days, it will start to operate off the Turkmenian shore. This year, drilling rigs in Estonia are presenting practically no more problems, efforts are continuing to reclaim lands which were previously believed unsuitable for intensive farming.

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Ponticelli writings reflect ever more from specific engineering ideas drawing increasingly more on the humanities—philosophy, sociology, physiognomy and technological ethics. The weight is shifted from picturing possible technological achievements to the human being as such and socio-ethical subjects.

MUSIC HELPS UNDERSTAND BEAUTY OF THE WORLD

You say that music makes a man wiser, better and more considerate. Is this true only of the serious, classical music? This question was put to the composer Robert Shchedrin by a correspondent for the KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA.

It does not matter whether the music pieces you are listening to is light or serious music. The most important thing is that it ought to give people what they can expect from genuine art—the feeling of the beauty and of the elevated. Genuine music gives man a joy of understanding himself better, and it expands his awareness of the world.

Talking about music for entertainment, I should say that it is a sort of pastime. People need it, because it makes life easier and prettier. However, music for entertainment does not fulfill what I call educational functions provided by the big art—this, of course, also carries the element of entertainment, but it is a secondary function.

FROM the SOVIET PRESS

THIS COUNTRY'S ATOMIC POWER INDUSTRY

The United Power Grid of the USSR has received current from the first unit of the Smolensk atomic power station in the European part of this country, writes in IZVESTIA T. Sopozhnikov, First Deputy Minister of the Power Industry and Electrification of the USSR.

The station's design capacity is 7,000 MW—enough to satisfy the power requirements of a large, industrially developed region with its enterprises, foodstuffs-producing complexes, residential areas, hospitals, theatres, and sports facilities.

It seems improbable today, writes the minister, that when the world's first atomic power station was built near Moscow less than three decades ago, even experts were unable to forecast the present-day scale of the atomic power industry. It has begun to overtake the thermal power industry.

This second advantage consists in the favourable ecological environment. The vicinity of nature makes the suburb attractive both for the former country folks and for the city dweller of several generations.

SCI-FI AND REALITY

Soviet science fiction has won general acclaim over a short period of time. This genre attracts ever more this country's millions of phobic writers, writes in PRAVDA Yu. Yevgeny Branda. Now they readily include into their works the devices and themes of science fiction and fantasy. Can this be explained by a concession to a trend or by artistic

talent? The interest in science fiction, says the writer, is called forth by the global character of the processes now taking place in the world. The writer can pre-

cure with the forces of the human race

SUBURBAN LIFE

Over the past few years, suburbs have become the object of sociological research due to growing urban-

Places to visit

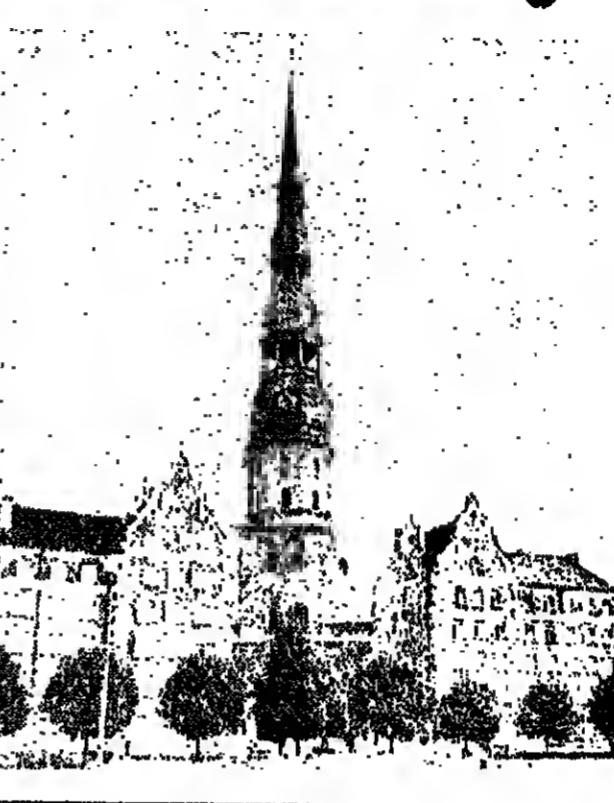
Every hour, the chimes of big tower clock ring out over the city, while bells play the Latvian folk tune melody, "Riga is Singing". The latter sound comes from the ancient tower of St Peter's Church.

In view of the considerable weight and size of ceiling parts, the Latvian designers introduced a sophisticated complex, equipped with tools necessary for mechanized assembly.

In comparison to the previous assembly method, when quarry dumper were assembled on building berths, the assembly line saves sounding the same parts, sometimes weighing dozens of tonnes, to various corners of the shop. This sharply reduces the time of operation, and disposal of multiple mechanization of the same labour-consuming processes. Labour productivity will grow considerably at this production stage. By the end of the five-year plan period (1981-85) the manufacture of this type of transport will more than double.

From the viewing gallery at the top of the church in which visitors are conducted by lift a splendid view of the city and the Gulf of Riga opens up. The gallery is 72 metres above ground level.

The ancient towers of Riga



FLOWERS INSTEAD OF DRUGS

B. Bagirov believes that a more "vitalizing" drink can be made. They decided to use for the purpose the desert flower often by cacti. It appears that the flower is richer in the mineral and vitamin content than even the green tea. A mixture of the two has produced a new vitalizing drink.

KAZAKH FOLKLORE

Two thousand folktale texts, including songs, fables, legends, proverbs and folk games have been collected in Eastern Kazakhstan by a Kazakh University student expedition. Many reflect the history of the Ural, Siberian, Kuban and Terek Cossacks, their migration to new lands and their life there.

Russians, Ukrainians and Belarusians have been living for the past 250 years in friendship and agreement with the Kazakhs. Their folk poetry has been enriched by local traditions and habits. The plots of stories, fairy tales and songs not only generalize historic customs and traditions, but also well-known facts of cooperation between people of various nationalities. Future folklorists will obtain beneficial results from treating certain types of cardiovascular disease, asthma, hypertension, neuritis and insomnia in this way.

Professional secrets of ancient architects

The ancient architects increased the earthquake-proof qualities of buildings by having resort to a special arrangement of supporting structures. This is the conclusion arrived at by the Armenian Republican Research Institute for Construction and Architecture. They based their research on churches which have survived many tremors.

More than four thousand ancient architectural monuments are found in Armenia, many of which are quite well preserved,

in Eastern Kazakhstan.

The terminal college system, or TIEVUS for short, is a new invention made at Novosibirsk University. TIEVUS will consist in a bandy for use by mathematicians, physicians, chemical engineers, biologists, and economists. The system registers complete and swift processes during experiments, and laboratory work. The results of the experiments are stored in the computer memory.

In the photo: mathematician-programmer Oleg Bamburov explaining the principles of operation of the system exhibited in one of the pavilions at the All-Union Exhibition of Economic Achievements.

Photo by Gennady Dubrovskiy

VIEWPOINT

Science and technology

FOLLOWING THE ROUTE OF THE FIRST ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

The "Admiral Vladimirov" and "Fyodor Bellingshausen" of the hydrographic service have left Sovetskaya for a new round-the-world Antarctic expedition.

The voyage of the Russian ships "Vostok" and "Maly" under the command of 2nd rank Captain D. Bellingshausen and Lieutenant M. Lazarev is an important link in the history of ocean navigation. This was when the planet's sixth continent was discovered—the Antarctic. More than 160 years have passed since then but the continent has remained comparatively little studied until the present time.

The two ships, following mainly the route of the sloops "Vostok" and "Maly", will make a circle around the Antarctic. During the voyage the expedition will carry out an extensive research programme directed at exploring greater safety for the navigation in the region. The border of the continent will be defined and the South Magnetic Pole will be located more exactly. The expedition will visit the Antarctic station Maly and will make a trip on the Peter I Island. The expedition will be led by Sovetskaya next year in time for the celebration marking 200 years of the city.

In solving the grain problem, the Soviet Union mainly stakes on drawing new lands into crop cultivation but on raising the productivity of ploughlands. The area of the ploughlands used for grain farming totals 140 million hectares. This figure has not expanded for many years and the average annual yield of grain crops is growing. Here these yields increased from 10 to 10 tonnes per hectare over the past 14 years.

Today the USSR is taking important measures to further strengthen the material and technical base of the grain production which is already rather powerful. Plans are being made to double the amount of mineral fertilizers available. The increase of their delivery is sent primarily to the zones ensuring the greatest growth of grain production. Collective and state farms are now better supplied with highly effective herbicides and other means of chemicalization. The technology of harvesting, post-harvest processing and storing of grain is being improved.

A set of agrochemical measures which help obtain maximum yield has been mapped out (with due account of local conditions) for each agricultural zone and even district.

The Soviet Union is steadily producing about 100 million tonnes of wheat. This represents 25 per cent of the total world gross yield. It is of pretty high quality, this is especially true of hard and strong wheats grown in the eastern districts of the country.

The Food Programme envisages substantial structural changes in grain farming. Practically only growth in forage grain is expected. The areas sown to cereals (barley, rye, wheat, oats, broad beans, etc.) in favourable zones will be expanded to the maximum. The production of sunflower, lucerne, rape—the sources of vegetative protein—will increase simultaneously.

Barley is the basic grain forage crop in the USSR. In most zones its yield is much higher than that of spring wheat. A part of surplus production of wheat grain, affected since long, is being used as fodder for cattle. Therefore, in the 70s the sown area of barley grew from 20 to 25 million hectares by reducing wheat sowing. This tendency is now being stimulated by the state purchasing prices at barley are rising to the level of wheat prices.

ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre, Cinema and TV Stars



Valery LEONTIEV

One can understand those who express their first impression of Leontiev's performance on variety stage with one word: shocking. The singer is known for his heated rhythm of movement, splendid plasticity, graceful gestures, easy and easy manner of singing. Leontiev's energetic voice seems boldness; it produces an impression that there is no note that he cannot take. This helps the singer change the tonality of well-known songs and they appear in a new way. By the way, a blessed reader will be quite right to say that this kind of performance is not new and it is, for instance, used by the Greek singer Dennis Roussos. But for Leontiev such vocal renovation is not an end in itself. His original gift lies in the combination of expressive voice with freedom of plastic movements.

Fame came to Leontiev unexpectedly. This happened soon after the TV audience in many countries watched his performance in the international Golden Orpheus competition in Bulgaria. He sang "Cosmic Disco"—a song by David Tukhmanov, "Dance Hour on the Sun", to the lyrics by well-known poet Semion Kireanov. Leontiev returned from this prestigious festival to Moscow with Grand Prix.

Unlike the singers who prefer to work in the quiet of recording studios and owe their success, to a great extent, to sound operators, Leontiev strives for personal contacts with the audiences: "I need a live contact with my listeners. I am trying to speak with them in the languages of music and plasticity about the most important things in a man's life—about love, happiness, a world without wars. I am trying my best so that what agitates me would agitate the audience as well."

Most audiences accept with pleasure the passionate boyish manner of Valery though he has long stopped to be a beginner; he has spent years working on the variety stages of different cities. One must have courage and persistence not to be content with "provincial popularity" or, in other words, "wide fame in narrow circles". Leontiev had many opportunities to prove his character: after school he worked on a construction project, then was a postman, an apprenticeship at a spinner. At the age of 17 he began singing in an amateur group. Then he studied at the mining institute, worked at a mine and continued to be fond of art; Valery not only sang but also acted well in amateur plays. Gradually he accumulated acting skills which enabled the critics to say later on: "The range of his abilities is unlimited."

But Leontiev is not going to rest on laurels, realizing well that he cannot be a lone variety singer without a well-thought-out repertoire. Valery directs his programmes, makes sketches of his costumes and stitches them, in short, he works hard on his stage image. Composers offer to Leontiev their new songs but not always he agrees to sing them; if it is not "in his line" he does not accept, waits and chooses...

"I need not only new dance compositions," says Leontiev, "but also philosophical ballads, dreamlike songs with laughter and tears, jokes and tragedy. They must be sung vividly, with desperation, and sincerely..."

Boris BERMAN

NIKO PIROSMANI MUSEUM

Documents from the personal life of painter Niko Piroshvili—who later developed into one of Georgia's leading artists—have come to light in the archives of the Transcaucasian Railways. Published for the first time, they have been included among the exhibits of the museum dedicated to Piroshvili,

THE '784' THEATRE COMPANY FROM BRITAIN

"7:84" is the name of a British theatre company.

In answer to our question as to what the name stood for, the leader, producer and playwright John McGrath silently handed me a badge bearing the theatre's emblem. Two large figures stand out against a red background with the following inscription round the rim: "7 per cent of the population of this country owns 24 per cent of the wealth".

Our company was set up for workers, and in this it differs from most other theatre companies in Britain, which have bourgeois leanings, said Graine Marmion, the "7:84" theatre administrator. We have no theatre of our own, and we therefore give our performances in workers' clubs — for miners in Scotland and Wales, and for steel workers in the Midlands.

John McGrath has been leading at the company ever since it was set up in 1971. In 1973, the company split into two parts, one for England, and the other for Scotland, since when the two companies have been leading an independent existence, while pursuing identical aims and having very similar repertoires.

However, there are certain ways in which they differ. The Scottish company, which has just visited us, regards as one of its main tasks the preservation

of Gaelic, the ancient tongue spoken by the Scottish Highlanders. Music, singing and dancing occupy a major part in the plays performed by the company. Specialists jam-packed the auditorium of Friendship House in Moscow where the "7:84" Company gave its performances.

We have all come to your country for the first time, continued Graine Marmion, and therefore we are immensely interested in everything we see here. In the few days that we have been in Moscow we have been twice to the theatre. We are mainly interested in the "young" Soviet drama companies, and we were therefore particularly pleased with our

visit to the Musical Chamber Theatre and to Oleg Tabakov's Studio for drama students. A surprise was in store for us at the studio, where the play "Jinno Shelter" by Boris Krestov is an old friend of ours. We also perform his plays — an old favourite being "SUS".

We greatly admire the skill

shown by Tabakov's young actors who with the minimum of technical means and without make-up and stage props perform real miracles on their own stage.

"7:84" will also visit Tbilisi

and Leningrad where they will

give performances of their pro-

gramme, "Scenes and Songs".

Alexander POPOV

MOSCOW'S CIRCUS ON ICE IN PARIS

Moscow's Circus on Ice is also present in France and giving performances in Paris at the Palace of Sports, near the Gates of Versailles. Every member of the company's colourful and exciting programme met with a standing ovation from the six thousand strong crowds which packed into the stands.

The Soviet artists will continue their performances to Paris till mid-January of next year when they will go to Bordeaux.

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